

Appendix B:

Public Consultation

documents

- 1. Newspaper adverts**
- 2. Consultation Register**
- 3. Questionnaire**
- 4. Meeting Minutes**

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CLASSIFIEDS

NOTICE

Take notice that Messrs. M and N Planning & Property Development Cc (Town and Regional Planners) on behalf of owner of Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek has applied to the Windhoek Municipal Council and intends applying to the Urban & Regional Planning Board in terms of the stipulations of the Urban & Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018) for:

- the rezoning of Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek from 'residential' with a density of 1 per Erf to 'office' with a bulk of 0.5 in terms of Section 105 (1) of the Urban & Regional Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018)
- Consent to use and develop Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek for office and residential purposes while the rezoning is in process.
- Consent in terms of Section 23(1) of the Windhoek Zoning Scheme to allow for an additional floor area (free bulk), which shall be devoted solely to residential use in the form of dwelling units.

Erf 6924, Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab Street No. 44, Windhoek is zoned 'residential' with a density of 1 per Erf and is approximately 1,324m² in extent. The proposed rezoning to 'office' with a bulk of 0.5 will allow the owner to use Erf 6924, Windhoek for office and additional floor area not exceeding 50% of the allowable bulk for residential purposes. The number of vehicles for which parking must be provided on-site will be provided in accordance with the Windhoek Zoning Scheme.

Further take notice that the plan of the Erf lies for inspection on the Town Planning notice board in the Customer Care Centre, Main Municipal Offices, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek and with applicant. Further take notice that any person objecting to the proposed use of the land as set out above may lodge such objection together with the grounds thereof, with the City of Windhoek, Urban Policy Division and with the applicant in writing. The last day for objections is 05 December 2024.

Applicant:

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 Town and Regional Planners
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NOTIFICATION AND CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS IN SELECTED SITES ZAMBESI AND OSHIKOTO REGION, NAMIBIA



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The proposed projects for which the Environmental Clearance Certificate will be applied for are as follows:

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Maluta Combined School, Zambesi Region

Location: Maluta Combined School, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°37'40.0"S, 24°18'34.5"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Linyanti, Zambesi Region

Location: Linyanti, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 18°04'19.7"S, 24°11'26.2"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Ginkore, Zambesi Region

Location: Ginkore, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°41'38.9"S, 24°17'24.9"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Ontseanga, Oshikoto Region

Location: Ontseanga, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 18°00'48.3"S, 16°03'38.3"E

Project Title: Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
 Study for the Proposed Construction and operation of a Telecommunication Tower at Lusakali, Zambesi Region

Location: Lusakali, Zambesi Region
 Coordinates: 17°33'01.9"S, 24°26'28.7"E

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Contact Details: D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

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CALL FOR REGISTRATION AS INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MINERAL EXPLORATION AND MINING ACTIVITIES ON MINING CLAIMS NO. 74242 - 74245 IN RESPECT TO BASE AND RARE METALS, PRECIOUS METALS & SEMI-PRECIOUS STONE - SOUTH-WEST OF OMARURU ERONGO REGION

1. PROJECT SITE AND DESCRIPTION

Mr. Ronnie Kanaob (the Proponent), intends to apply to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate for its proposed prospecting activities in respect to Base and Rare Metals, Precious Metals, and Semi-Precious Stone (area of 63.6 Ha) in the Erongo Region. The key component of the proposed activity entails geological mapping and survey and manual sample collection for laboratory analysis with long-term plans to establish a marble quarry. Access to the sampling or survey sites will be by existing tracks and on foot where vehicle access is limited.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

Enviro-Leap Consulting invites all Interested and Affected Party (I & AP) to register and receive Environmental Assessment (BID, Scoping and EMP) documents relating to the proposed project for their comments and input. Interested and Affected Parties are herewith request to register by writing to us at the address below no later than **20 December 2024**.

3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES

Please register and direct all comments, queries to:
 Mr. Lawrence Tjatindi, Environmental Assessment Practitioner
 Email: esp.trigen@gmail.com



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COP29 Reaches Boiling Point ...

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Tensions reached a breaking point when representatives from the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDC) walked out of the extended negotiations, citing frustrations over being excluded from critical discussions.

Cedric Schuster, Samoa's Minister for Natural Resources and Environment and chairperson of AOSIS, expressed the collective's grievances, stating, "We came to this COP to achieve a fair deal."

"We feel that we have not been heard. There is a deal to be made, but we are not being consulted."

His sentiments were echoed by Evans Njewa, Malawi's Chief Environmental Officer and chair of the LDC, who emphasised the disproportionate impacts faced by their nations.

"Our countries are the most affected by climate change. We have contributed the least to the problem, yet bear the brunt of its impacts. We've made our needs clear, but they are being ignored—that's why we walked out," he explained.

The LDC bloc, comprising 45 countries primarily in Africa, and AOSIS, which represents small island nations threatened by rising sea levels, have repeatedly called for urgent and meaningful action.

Schuster, in a statement posted on the AOSIS website, warned of the dire consequences of inaction: "We are literally sinking. Understand this—I am not exaggerating. How can we return to our people with a poor deal that will plunge them into further peril?"

As negotiations faltered, frustration grew over the proposed financial target.

The draft text called for mobilising USD 300 billion by 2035, a figure far below the USD 1.3 trillion per year needed by 2030 for mitigation alone.

India, a major developing nation, voiced its disappointment, with Leena Nandan, Secretary of India's Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change, accusing the presidency of stifling dissent.

"We object to this means of unfair adoption. Gavelling through decisions without hearing objections undermines the UNFCCC system," she said, adding that the process had been "stage-managed."

Meanwhile, Annalena Baerbock, Germany's Foreign Affairs Minister, pointed to fossil fuel-producing nations as key obstacles to progress.

Speaking on behalf of the European Union, she described the situation as a geopolitical power play.

"We are in the midst of a geopolitical power play by a few fossil fuel states, using the backs of the poorest and most vulnerable as their playing board," she said.

Baerbock also vowed that the EU would not support any deal that came at the expense of vulnerable nations, particularly small island states.

"We will not allow the most vulnerable to be ripped off by the few rich fossil fuel emitters," she declared.

Adding to the controversy were allegations against Azerbaijan, the COP29 host nation.

Reports emerged that officials had attempted to market oil during the UN event, a scandal reminiscent of similar accusations levelled at the United Arab Emirates during COP28.

The host nation also faced criticism over alleged arrests of climate activists and journalists, further tarnishing the event's credibility.

As COP29 concluded, the deep divisions between developed and vulnerable nations were laid bare.

For many, the contentious negotiations served as a stark reminder of the urgent need for climate action and the challenges of achieving consensus in an increasingly fractured global climate regime.



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Educators Urged to Prioritise Financial Education

 Mathias Hangala

Trade economist Chuma Siboleka has called on educators to offer financial education to help individuals make sound financial decisions.

Siboleka emphasised the importance of financial literacy, which she noted is often overlooked until people face critical financial challenges. Siboleka argued that, in general, the impact of the education one has received is only noticeable after over a year, stressing the need to identify where education is lacking.

Siboleka suggested that in order to ensure the fruition of these efforts, there is a need to incorporate it into the national school curriculum as early as grade 4 or even at pre-primary grades to ensure sound financial knowledge at an early stage.

"We take on financial education lessons on a daily basis without labelling them as such. We are counting money, why? How?" added Siboleka.

Studies conducted at the University of Namibia define financial literacy as the ability to make informed judgments and decisions regarding the use and management of money.

This includes budgeting, spending, saving, borrowing, investing, and planning for the future.

Despite various national programs aimed at improving financial literacy, Siboleka questioned whether these initiatives effectively reach and resonate with their intended audience.

Many people continue to make uninformed financial decisions, highlighting the need for enhanced education and awareness.

Last year, Prime Minister Sarah Kuugongelwa-Amadhila expressed concern about the low levels of financial literacy in Namibia. She emphasised that a robust financial system is essential for the country's economic growth and stability.



Photo: Contributed

Data from the Financial Literacy Initiative (FLI) in Namibia revealed a disparity between financial knowledge and behaviour.

While Namibians scored an average of 51.2% on the Financial Knowledge Index in 2016, their Financial Behavior Index score was significantly lower, at just 32.4%.



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Environmental Impact Assessment and Public Participation process: The proposed construction and operation of a telecommunication tower at
ONTANANGA, OSHANA REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: 11/12/2024 Time: 09:00
 Venue: ONTANANGA VILLAGE

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	Petrus Ellemon	Ontananga	0812975303		
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Name & Surname	Name of Organization or Village	Phone Number	Email Address	Signature
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Margano Kalekela	Ontananga B	0812228383	N/A	M. Kalekela
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Abes Auerie	Olukeno	0812378154	N/A	A. Auerie
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1. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN Carikoto - Oshanaana REGION,
NAMIBIA

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

Telephone: + 264 81 363 4904

Email: Tkasinganeti@dpe.com.na

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name & Surname Kounga Mungaga
Postal Address P.O. Box 611 Email Oshanaana
Town Oshanaana Phone Number 0812049946

Does the proposed project affect you or your property in any way?

Auwe oshili nawa No

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed projects? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

☒ YES / ☐ NO

Oshanaana project naja

Should this project proceed?

☒ YES / ☐ NO

SIGNATURE:

Kounga Mungaga

1. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM

ENVIRONMENTAL AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT: CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A
TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER IN Undavango - Nshukoto REGION,
NAMIBIA

KINDLY COMPLETE THIS FORM IN DETAIL AND RETURN TO:

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Email: Tkasinganeti@dpe.com.na

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name & Surname Pili Ankonga
Postal Address PO Box 1404 Email N/A
Town DNJANANGA Phone Number

Does the proposed project affect you or your property in any way?

No, does not affect my property in any way

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed projects? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

NO, I support it 100%

YES / NO

Should this project proceed?

YES / NO

SIGNATURE:

Ankonga

1. REGISTRATION AND COMMENTS FORM

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ONTANANGA, OSHIKOTO, NAMIBIA

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PERSONAL DETAILS

Name & Surname: Ms Maria Tonah
Postal Address: P.O. Box 182 Ondangwa
Email: maria173@gmail.com
Town: Ontananga B Village Phone Number: 081289892

Does the proposed project affect you or your property in any way?

No its ok for the nation or let say the community of Ontananga i spectat to school and clinics and church for their daily work

Do you have any points of concern or support regarding the proposed projects? If "yes", please briefly list these in point format:

☒ YES ☐ NO

Yes the project should go ahead as soon as possible regarding the need of Networks we are in need

Should this project proceed?

☒ YES ☐ NO

SIGNATURE:

MS

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: THE PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AT ONTANANGA IN OSHIKOTO
REGION – NAMIBIA.**

UNDERTAKING OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

PROJECT: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS IN OSHIKOTO AND ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA

VENUE: ONTANANGA VILLAGE, OSHIKOTO REGION – NAMIBIA.

DATE: SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 2024

TIME: 13:30 – 15:40

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)/ CONSULTANT:

Ms. Erikka Mokanya – D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka – D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultants

Attendees:

Please refer to the Attendance register attached at the end of this document.

Proceedings:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON
1	Welcome remarks and Introductions	
	All members of the public including the whole D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultant team were welcomed by the local leadership who urged the community to listen attentively and ask questions pertaining to the project.	Local Leadership: Hon. Phillemon Ndjambula

	<p>The D & P Engineers and Environmental Consultant team also thanked the community including the local leaders for availing themselves to attend this important meeting.</p> <p>Apologies: Some members of the community were not present for the meeting because of different commitments, but there was a full representation of the community's interests including its leadership.</p>	Ms. Erikka Mokanya
2	Purpose and objectives of the meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To comply with Namibia's Environmental Assessment Policy, Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) with its 2012 EIA Regulations and the; • Consult all interested and affected parties such as local residents and local authorities (and Traditional Authority), to ensure that their inputs are taken into account; • To set up a grievance redressal system; • To identify Environmental and Social safeguards and concerns prior to project implementation; • To assess the significance of issues and concerns raised; • Review the legal and policy framework and its relevance to this project; • To determine the environmental and social impacts of the development and assess site suitability; • To identify all environmental and social sensitivities that may be affected by the proposed development and monitoring requirements during construction thereto; • Develop a clear, concise and practical Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which includes recommendations and methods to minimise the identified negative environmental impacts of the proposed project; • To institute processes for Environmental monitoring and management for compliance to the developed Environmental and Social Management Plan. 	Ms Erikka Mokanya
3	Background and overview of the project	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The background information about the project was explained to the community members. 	Ms. Erikka Mokanya

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The project location was shown on the map document which was distributed to each individual that was present and a brief description of the structure of the tower was described (area or footprint, coverage and height). ● All anticipated changes to the environment because of the project were thoroughly discussed by the consultant so that the community members would understand the implications of the project from both positive and negative angles. ● The procedure of obtaining and need for an environmental clearance certificate for the project was explained. ● An Environmental and Social Management Plan will be crafted to give remediation and action measures thereof. 	
4	Questions and Answer Session	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The community was afforded time to ask questions, make contributions and provide their comments. ● All questioned and comments made during the meeting session are captured below. <p>A questionnaire was handed out to participants and each question was clearly explained..</p>	<p>Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka</p> <p>Ms. Erikka Mokanya</p>

Q & A SESSION

Issue Category	Commentator/I& AP	COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, QUERIES, AND CONCERNS RAISED	RESPONSE
Impacts of the tower and its benefit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hon. Phillemon Ndjambula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Urges that construction phase benefits local community members especially with unskilled labour. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.

Maintenance and operation of the tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Maria Tonata 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What would be the power source of this tower? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Erikka Mokanya: The power source for the tower will primarily be electricity from the national grid, ensuring a stable and reliable energy supply for its operations. In cases where grid power is unavailable or unreliable, alternative power solutions may be sought to maintain continuous operation. The choice of power source also depends on the site's location and the availability of electricity.
Network coverage		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the network coverage of this tower? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Typically, the network coverage of towers is defined by various factors such as: height of the tower, frequency, power of transmission equipment etc. It is anticipated that this tower will cover a 30-35km radius.
Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Aili Ankonga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the tower not pose danger due of lighting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka: The tower's foundation will be constructed using reinforced concrete to ensure structural stability and proper grounding (earthing) will be inetegrated into the foundation to protect it against lightning strikes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Petrus Phillemon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the safety measures against vandalism and livestock? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka: The tower will be fenced off with palisade fencing to prevent unauthorized access and minimize the risk of vandalism. This also ensures that livestock cannot enter the area, reducing the chances of accidental damage. Access control will be strictly enforced and only authorized personnel will be allowed access to the tower site. Access points will be secured with locks and monitored regularly to prevent illegal entry. Furthermore. clear warning signs will be placed around the site to inform the public about restricted access and the potential dangers of tampering with the equipment. Finally, the site will undergo regular inspections to ensure the tower and surrounding area are secure and well-maintained, addressing any issues promptly before they become serious.
Maintenance and operation of the tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dion Ankonga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the tower not disrupt our power supply? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Erikka Mokanya: No, the construction and operation of the tower will not disrupt the local power supply. The tower will be powered by a separate energy source, either from the national grid or alternative power solutions like solar panels or generators, depending on the

			location. The installation of the tower does not interfere with the local power infrastructure, as its power requirements are self-contained and managed within the site's boundaries.
Tower placement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magano Kalekela 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why place the tower here in Ontananga? Will there be no interferences? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erikka Mokanya: The site of the tower was identified by using radio planning tools. Meaning consideration was made taking interferences and other factors into account. This site was found to be suitable to ensure network continuity and efficient provision of network to the community of Ontananga and neighbour villages.
Duration of the project and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Thomas Shikongo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We really need this development. When will they start with construction? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: It depends on how long the Environmental Consultant has all the complaints solved. Thereafter, a report will be compiled and submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism to obtain an Environmental Clearance Certificate which will give a green light for construction to start. • At the moment we do not have a definite day as to when construction will commence.
General comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hon. Phillemon Ndjambula 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We welcome the project, however, we encourage the full involvement of local communities in this project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Frieda Kuumbili 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glad and happy about the project and appreciates the development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Fillemon Muteka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Happy about the development and hopes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.

		that construction and operation will be fast	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Kauna Mundjao 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the councillor for pushing this project and thanked PowerCom team for enabling us to have network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Aili 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urges that good community awareness is conducted prior and post construction phase. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Erikka Mokanya: Well noted.
Where to from here and how to stay involved in the EIA process?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Longeni Ndjaleka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments are still welcome on the project. A registration and comments form was provided during the meeting thus emphasising giving comments in writing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTED BY ALL IN ATTENDANCE
CONCLUSION AND CLOSING REMARKS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All people in attendance were asked if they had any objections pertaining to this proposed project. They all nodded and clapped hands, indicating their approval of this project in their village. • Local leadership thanked everyone for coming and urged PowerCom to fast track the construction process to ensure the community benefit from this project. • The Consultant thanked the community for their attendance and input (comments, questions, and suggestions). • The meeting was adjourned at 15:40. 			

Attachments to the Public Consultation Meeting Minutes: Attachment 1 – Public Meeting Attendance Register and Completed Questionnaire Forms (as received from the Public Consultation Meeting).